

Golden Hands of Grace

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# DEVOTIONALS

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**Collection of 52 Devotions**



## Week 1

“ And the LORD will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath...”

- Deuteronomy 28:13

## YOUR HEAD WILL BE LIFTED UP

“And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up.” - Luke 13:11

In this new year, God says, “I have seen those who were bent over before many because of the shame, sorrow and lack of blessing they go through. I will lift their head in the same place where they went through afflictions. My Hand will do this. They will glorify Me”

“வெட்கி, நாணி, ஒளிந்து, குனிந்து, நிமிரமுடியாமல் தவிக்கின்றவர்களின் நிலையை நான் கண்டு, இவ்வருடம் அவர்கள் தலையை உயர்த்துவேன். என் கரம் இதைச் செய்யும். அவர்கள் நிமிர்ந்து நின்று என்னை மகிமைப்படுத்துவார்கள் என்று கர்த்தராகிய ஆண்டவர் சொல்கின்றார்.”

### 1. Jesus sees your afflictions.

The woman had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years and was bent over. She could not raise herself up. Jesus saw her.

Because of your life situations, you are bent over before many. You are going through shame, pain and sorrow. Your life lacks blessings. You have tried your best possible ways to raise yourself up. But you have failed miserably. Today God wants you to know that He has seen your afflictions and heard your groaning.

### 2. Your head will be lifted and you will be raised.

But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, “Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity.” - Luke 13:12

On that day that particular woman was in the presence of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ saw her and immediately He called her to Him and told her that she was loosed from her infirmity.

You are expecting God to do something in your life for many years. It seems that all the doors of blessings are closed in your life. God says to you today that you will be delivered from all the infirmities that are in your life. You have poured your heart in the presence of God. Your life situations will change. As you had shed tears in the presence of God, today Holy Spirit is telling you that God will raise you above many.

3. God's hand will do this to you.

"And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight..." - Luke 13:13

He said to her that she was loosed from her infirmity and immediately He laid His hands on her to heal her. All the promises that God has given you will be fulfilled in your life by His hands.

And he said: "Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, who has fulfilled with His hands what He spoke with His mouth..." 2 Chronicles 6:4

God has spoken to you so many promises regarding your future. Today He wants you to remember that whatever His mouth has promised, His hands will fulfil it in your life. His hands will deliver you from all the bondages you are in.

4. You will glorify God.

"...and glorified God." - Luke 13:13

As soon as Jesus Christ laid His hands on her, she was made straight. She could stand straight and with her heads high. She was healed completely. Then she glorified God.

In this year you will glorify about the wonderful things that God is going to do in your life. You will glorify about God's faithfulness regarding His promises. You will glorify about the mighty things that God is going to do in your life in this new year.

This year you will see fulfilment of God's promises in your life through which your head will be lifted up. This year you will stand for God's glory says Holy Spirit to you.

"And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me; Therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD."

- Psalm 27:6

***"God often gives in one brief moment that which He has for a long time denied." - Thomas a Kempis***

## GET FILLED BY GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT

### Week 2

**“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.”**

- John 14:26

We read about Stephen in Acts 6 & 7. Many brought false witness against him. His enemies were gnashing at him with their teeth. But his eyes were fixed on Jesus who is standing at the right hand of God.

1. You might be surrounded by people who hurt you through their words, deeds or accusations. You are broken because you look at them. Today God wants you to look at Him who is standing with you and for you.

2. You might be doing God's work diligently and so, many accuse you falsely. God says that they are fighting against Him and not you. He will do justice for you.

What made Stephen to look at God and pray when multitudes were throwing stone at him?

Acts 6:5 & 7:55 says that he was full of faith and Holy Spirit

**“...And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit...”**  
- Acts 6:5

**“But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God”** - Acts 7:55

3. Only when you have faith upon God you can overcome the troubles that you face and only when you are filled with God's Holy Spirit you can stand for God and walk through persecutions and accusations with joy by fixing your eyes upon Jesus. Do ask for God's anointing today and be blessed.

***“Remember that He who rose from the dead, rose to pour out His Holy Spirit into human lives, and, by that Spirit, to make available to any individual all the fullness of Himself, twenty—four hours a day.” - Ray C. Stedman***

## GOD WILL SATISFY YOU

**Mark 8:2** “I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat.”

Multitudes of people were with Jesus for nearly three days but they had nothing to eat and Jesus had compassion on them.

Week 3

1. You trust Jesus and you are with Him. But yet there's something that lack in your life. Today Holy Spirit wants you to know that Jesus Christ knows your situation and He has compassion upon you.

**Mark 8:3** And if I send them away hungry to their own houses, they will faint on the way; for some of them have come from afar.”

2. God will not allow you to be tested or tempted beyond what you are able and God will never let you down at any moment. You will be satisfied with God's goodness at His time.

“For He  
satisfies the  
longing soul,  
And fills the  
hungry soul  
with  
goodness.”

**Mark 8:4** Then His disciples answered Him, “How can one satisfy these people with bread here in the wilderness?”

- Psalm 107:9

Even today your situation might make you feel that you are in wilderness and you might wonder how your life will ever be filled with blessings. Even others might feel the same about your life.

On that day, Jesus Christ fed four thousand people in the wilderness.

3. For God nothing is impossible. He will do the same in your life. You might not see rain or wind but your life will be filled with God's blessings for His thoughts and ways are greater than yours.

*“The strength of patience hangs on our capacity to believe that God is up to something good for us in all our delays and detours.” - John Piper*

## GOD WILL HONOR YOUR FAITH

Mark 5:25-34

Week 4

**“Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years” - Mark 5:25**

A woman had a particular sickness for 12 long years. She had spent all that she had but she could not receive what she had wanted. One day she touched the garment of Jesus and she was healed immediately.

**“But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. ”**

**- James 1:6**

1. You might be longing to receive a particular blessing for so many years. Today God promises you that you will receive that blessing within the end of this year.

**But His disciples said to Him, “You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, ‘Who touched Me?’” - Mark 5:31**

On that day multitude were thronging and touching Jesus but only that women touched Jesus in a way that she received God’s power and healing.

2. Are you simply thronging Jesus or are you touching Jesus in a way you receive a miracle and blessing from Him?

**And He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction.” - Mark 5:34**

What made her to get healed immediately? Jesus said that her faith made her well. She had a doubt whether she could touch the garment of Jesus but she strongly believed that if she touches His garment, she will be healed immediately. She doubted her ability but not the power of Jesus.

3. Put your faith upon Jesus and trust Him completely. Then you will feel God’s power and blessing flowing in and through your life.

***“Faith is a living and unshakable confidence, a belief in the grace of God so assured that a man would die a thousand deaths for its sake.” - Martin Luther***



## GOD WILL PROVIDE

Joshua 15:19 She answered, "Give me a blessing; since you have given me land in the South, give me also springs of water." So he gave her the upper springs and the lower springs.

Week 5

Caleb gave his daughter certain blessing as she left to her husband house. But then she needed a better blessing and so she came to him and asked for land with springs of water. Immediately her father gave what she asked.

If an worldly father, being evil gives good gift to his child, how much more our Heavenly Father give good things to those who ask Him. (Matthew 7:11)

1. Today God promises you that He will be your Father and He will do greater things in your life.

All you have to do is ask God. In II Samuel 12:8, God says to David, "...and if that had been too little, I also would have given you much more."

David went on his own will and sinned against God. God had already given so many blessings to David and if David would have asked for more, God was even ready to give him that.

2. Don't do anything according to your own will.

3. Even today, God is ready to give you what you ask for. Ask God and you will receive greatest blessing.

**"If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!**

**- Matthew 7:11**

***"If you have a special need today, focus your full attention on the goodness and greatness of your Heavenly Father rather than on the size of your need. Your need is tiny compared to His ability to meet it." - Bill Patterson***

## GOD HAS CALLED YOU TO DO GREATER THINGS

### Week 6

**Matthew 17:27 (NKJV)** "... go to the sea, cast in a hook, and take the fish that comes up first. And when you have opened its mouth, you will find a piece of money; take that and give it to them for Me and you."

"...Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?"

- John 11:40

Jesus said this to Peter who is a professional fisherman. Peter knew from his experience that it's impossible to get money out of a fish, that too from the first fish that he is going to catch. But yet he had put his experience behind and obeyed Jesus without any argument. He became the first man in the history of fishery to find money in the fish mouth.

1. You are called to do greater things for God...things that cannot not be understood through your experience or human mind. But when God calls you for that, just obey.

2. God has promised you already so many blessings and today the situation might not be supportive to God's word but God says that His promises will be fulfilled in your life.

It's not Peter who had catch the exact fish with money. It's God who had put the money inside a fish and ordained it in such a way that it falls into the Peter's hook. Peter just went according to God's word and the rest was taken care by God.

3. Even in your life God has already prepared every blessing for you. All you have to do is to stay in His will. Then He will lead you to those blessings and you will see greater things in your life. God will take care of everything in your life.

***"When we look to God as provider, we are surrendering our independence and trusting someone else to meet our needs, over which we have no control. Letting go of our 'dependence on independence' and letting someone else take control goes against natural human instinct. We need to fight the urge to take over and just let God be God, because He can provide for us better than we can." - Corallie Buchanan***



## SURRENDER YOURSELF TO GOD'S PLAN

**"The Angel of the Lord said to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit yourself under her hand." - Genesis 16:9**

Hagar despised Sarah when she became pregnant, and so Sarah began to deal with her harshly. Though Hagar was pregnant, she ran away from Sarah to a far place. The angel of the Lord told her that God has heard her affliction (v11).

1. Even today God knows your pain and affliction that you are going through in your life because of the terrible situation that you are facing or because of someone who is dealing with you harshly.

But then the Angel of the Lord asked Hagar to go back and be submissive to her mistress Sarah. If you see in a human perspective the word that came from the Lord to Hagar through the Angel was a tough one. How come God can ask her to go back and be submissive to the one who has dealt harshly with her?

2. Even in your life someone around you might be dealing with you harshly. But if God asks you to be submissive, obey God and be submissive to those who are dealing with you harshly.

God asked and Hagar simply obeyed God's word without any argument. She had returned back to Sarah and submitted herself to her through which she actually had submitted her life to God's plan and God multiplied her descendants as He promised her.

3. God has a plan about your life. Today you may not understand that and it might be against your wish and will. But if you obey to God's voice and plan, surely you will multiply and your life will be filled with God's richest blessings exceedingly.

Week 7

**"Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time"**

**- 1 Peter 5:6**

***"God is ready to assume full responsibility for the life wholly yielded to Him." - Andrew Murray***

## FOLLOW GOD'S PROVIDENCE

**Luke 9:53** But they did not receive Him, because His face was set for the journey to Jerusalem.

### Week 8

Jesus had planned to go to Jerusalem and His disciples went to a Samaritan village to prepare for Him but the people in the village did not receive Him.

1. There is always God's purpose behind closed doors, unanswered prayers and rejected relationships.

Even in your life, you might face closed paths or someone might have rejected you. God has a plan about your life. Stay in God's presence and find God's will and go ahead according to His plan.

**"And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."**

- Philippians  
4:19

**Luke 9:54-55** And when His disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?"

But He turned and rebuked them, and said, "You do not know what manner of spirit you are of.

2. You are filled by God's Holy Spirit and today God doesn't want you to carry bitterness against someone who rejected you. Something might not be happening as you had expected. Do not curse yourself, your life or others for what's happening around you.

Elijah did brought fire from heaven but what He did is according to God's word and to bring glory to God's name.

3. Do not use God's calling and power for your own desires and to fulfil your will. You are called for a greater cause and obey what God asks you to do.

Jesus came to save men's lives and not to destroy them.

4. Even today you might be facing a tough situation in your life. People might come against you for no reasons. Do not get discouraged. God will save you and lead you in His path.

***"I will charge my soul to believe and wait for Him, and will follow His providence, and not go before it, nor stay behind it." - Samuel Rutherford***

## GOD HAS PREPARED GREATER BLESSINGS FOR YOU

Matthew 15:22-28

One day a Canaanite woman came to Jesus and cried out to Him to heal her daughter who is suffering terribly.

Week 9

Jesus replied that it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to someone else.

1. You are God's child and He has already prepared greater blessings for you.

She then asked and expected that even the crumbs that fall from the table will be sufficient.

**"...You will see greater things than these."**

Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour. - Matthew 15:28

- John 1:50

The crumbs that had fallen from the table, in which God has prepared bread for His children, healed a young girl immediately who was suffering terribly.

2. If that crumb brings such a blessing, how much more, greater blessings will be brought into your life through the bread that God has prepared already for you in His table! All that you have to do is to enter God's presence in faith and receive those blessings.

3. Even today God says to you that He is already holding in His hands what you need for your future. All you have to do is to possess it.

Remember God is willing to give because it is the children's bread and you are His child.

***"We must not think that [God] takes no notice of us, when He does not answer our wishes: for He has a right to distinguish what we actually need." - John Calvin***

## YOUR GRIEF WILL TURN TO JOY

**Genesis 18:12** Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, "After I have grown old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?"

### Week 10

God has given a promise to Abraham and Sarah that they will have a child. Abraham and Sarah were old and Sarah had passed the age of childbearing. She looked at the situation around her and there is no sign of fulfilment of God's promise.

Even in your life you see darkness and closed doors everywhere. You feel terrible as there is no sign of fulfilment of God's promise.

**"Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy."**

**- John 16:20**

1. You might say to yourself, "Will I have joy and pleasure in my life? Will God's promise come to pass in my life as there is no sign of it?"

The Lord almighty asks in verse 14, Is anything too hard for the Lord?

God could bring out blessed generation through a woman who has crossed the age of childbearing. God could bring out the foretold Saviour through a virgin woman.

2. You might be longing to have a child, promotion in job, blessing in your studies, financial blessing or any other blessing. There might be no sign of it coming and there is no improvement in the efforts you are taking. But God says to you today that nothing is impossible to Him. Today God wants you to know that nothing is impossible with Him and no word from Him will ever fail.

**And Sarah said, "God has made me laugh..." Genesis 21:6.**

The one who doubted whether she will have laughter in her life is testifying that God has filled her with laughter.

3. This will happen in your life. God will fill you with laughter, joy and His peace. Whatever you are longing for will be given to you by God and you will stand and testify His great works.

***"However many blessings we expect from God, His infinite liberality will always exceed all our wishes and our thoughts." - John Calvin***

## FORGIVE AND BE BLESSED

If we read Job 42:9,10 we can understand that the God who created heaven and earth looked at the face of Job. Why? Job's friends have not spoken what is right of God. So God said to them to go to Job with certain things to offer as burnt offering and God said that Job will pray for them.

Look at the confidence of God. He never said that He will also inform Job to pray for them. These were the same friends who spoke against Job and had hurt him. But God believed and trusted Job that he will do what He asks him to do.

1. Today the Almighty God who sees your heart, can He testify about you with boldness saying that you will pray for those who had hurt you?

His friends went and did as God commanded them. (Verse 9)

2. His friends committed mistake against God. But then when God ask them to repent, they obeyed. Are you obeying God with immediate repentance?

Then God looked at Job's face. Job had so many reasons to tell God that He can't forgive his friends. But he forgives them and prayed for them. God restored what Job lost.

3. Today the message is God wants you to throw away the bitterness that you carry against someone who had done something against you. You might have hundred reasons but God is not ready to hear that. He just wants you to forgive and pray for them because God wants to restore what you lost and He wants you to be blessed

Week 11

**“But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you”**

**- Matthew 5:44**

***“To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you.” - C.S. Lewis***

## WEEP NOT! GOD IS WITH YOU

Luke 24:5-6 "...Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen!..."

### Week 12

Sometimes you feel so empty in your heart and life as you could not feel God's presence. As you go through terrible feelings and situations, you feel God is powerless and dead in your life.

1. Your faith is not so strong that you seek the Living God as dead. Today God says that He is alive and you will see His resurrecting power in your life in the coming days.

The LORD looks down from heaven upon the children of men, To see if there are any who understand, who seek God."

- Psalm 14:2

John 20:11"...Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping..."

John 20:14 "...Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus."

Mary Magdalene was crying Though Jesus was standing behind her. She turned around and saw Him but she didn't know that it was Him and so she continued crying.

2. You are crying today and your heart is bleeding. Holy Spirit wants you to know that Jesus Christ is with you by your side. There is no need for you to shed tears anymore as God is with you.

Jesus Christ revealed Himself to Mary immediately.

3. Even today as you are crying and seeking God, He promises you that He will reveal Himself to you and He will wipe away your tears. You will find Jesus and you will be filled with eternal joy.

***"Life is wasted if we do not grasp the glory of the cross, cherish it for the treasure that it is, and cleave to it as the highest price of every pleasure and the deepest comfort in every pain." - John Piper***



## GOD WILL COMFORT YOU

Jeremiah 31:13 "...For I will turn their mourning to joy, Will comfort them, And make them rejoice rather than sorrow."

1. God will turn your mourning to joy.

Week 13

John 16:20 Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy.

Hannah was barren and was in tears. God heard her prayers and gave her a child. Her mourning was turned to joy.

You will also be blessed with your heart's desire.

2. God will comfort you

Isaiah 66:13 "As one whom his mother comforts, So I will comfort you..."

A widow of Nain lost her son. She lost her only hope. But then God had compassion upon her and raised her son from death.

God has great compassion upon you. Your life situations will change says God to you.

3. God will make you rejoice

Isaiah 51:11 "So the ransomed of the Lord shall return, And come to Zion with singing, With everlasting joy on their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness; Sorrow and sighing shall flee away."

No one can take away the joy and peace that I am going to give you says God to you.

You will be raised above many.

"So that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us"

- Acts 17:27

***"The greater your knowledge of the goodness and grace of God on your life, the more likely you are to praise Him in the storm." –Matt Chandler***

## GOD WILL GIVE REST TO YOU

This is what the Lord says: "...I will come to give rest to Israel." - Jeremiah 31:2

### Week 14

In Mark 5:2-19, we read about a man with an unclean spirit.

**And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones. - Mark 5:5**

He was crying night and day.

**"Truly my soul  
silently waits for  
God;  
From Him comes  
my salvation.  
He only is my  
rock and my  
salvation;  
He is my  
defense;  
I shall not be  
greatly moved."**

Psalm 62:1-2

1. The problems that you are facing makes you cry day and night. Sometimes when you are alone or surrounded by people, you cry within your heart. You have no comfort. Today God promises you that He will comfort you as a mother comforts you.

He was cutting himself with stones.

2. The situation you are in and the past deeds you have done has filled your heart with guilt. And so you are hurting and wounding yourself. God says that He will heal your wounds.

**"Then they came to Jesus, and saw the one... sitting and clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid." - Mark 5:15**

People were amazed when they saw him clothed, sitting and with clear mind. That means they might not have seen him sitting all those years as he was restless. Jesus Christ gave rest to him. He will do it to you.

3. You have found grace in the sight of God. He will give rest to you. Your life will be completely transformed and you will testify God's glory and wonders.

***"One way to get comfort is to plead the promise of God in prayer, show Him His handwriting; God is tender of His Word." - Thomas Manton***

## GOD WILL TAKE AWAY YOUR REPROACH

“...this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren.” – Luke 1:36

Elizabeth was righteous before God and blameless. She was old but had no child as she was barren. Bible records that she was called barren.

Week 15

1. Even today you might be living a life righteous before God but yet you might not have received the blessing that you are longing to receive. Today God promises you that you will receive what you long for.

2. You might be spiritually barren. You want to do something for God but yet you are failing again and again in your spiritual life. Today God says that He will establish you to carry His power. God's power that is going to be revealed through you will touch many in nations.

“...This day I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you...”

- Joshua 5:9

Elizabeth was called barren but her life doesn't end that way.

3. The struggles, problems and troubles that you are facing today will not last longer. Whatever you fear will not happen to you. God will hear your prayers and bless you.

God heard her prayers and blessed her with a child. After that no one called her barren. She was once called as barren woman and her life ended as mother to John the Baptist, one of the greatest prophets.

This is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. What a powerful verse it is! No one will call her a failure anymore. No one will call her a barren woman anymore. No one will mock at her anymore. Her grief and sorrow came to an end. God has taken away her reproach among people. He will do the same to you.

4. Your life's situation will change. He will raise you and those who called you barren will come to you and they will rejoice with you. God will do this in your life as nothing is impossible with God.

***“You don't have to be alone in your hurt! Comfort is yours. Joy is an option. And it's all been made possible by your Savior. He went without comfort so you might have it. He postponed joy so you might share in it. He willingly chose isolation so you might never be alone in your hurt and sorrow.” - Joni Eareckson Tada***

## YOU WILL SEE GREATER THINGS

**Mark 5:22** And behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name. And when he saw Him, he fell at His feet.

### Week 16

Though his twelve year old daughter was dying, Jairus preferred to leave her and ran to Jesus. If he would have stayed at the bed side of his dying daughter, he would have lost his daughter.

1. Do not try to solve your life problem through your own strength. Run to Jesus and seek His help. He will not forsake you.

**“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort”**

He ran to Jesus and fell at His feet. Jairus was one of the rulers of synagogue but yet he humbled himself before God.

2. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up. (James 4:10)

Jesus went with Jairus to heal his daughter.

### 2 Corinthians 1:3

3. Even today God wants you to know that He has heard your prayers and He will grant the desires of your heart.

While they were on their way, someone came from the Jairus house and said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?"

In the worldly perspective it was all over as the daughter of Jairus was dead.

4. Sometimes you see the situation of your life and you think that it was all over. Do not look into the situations but look to the Great God who walks with you for He can bring the dead to life.

God will give life to the dead organs of your body. He will bring life to the dead hopes of your life. Your spiritual life will be restored. Have faith in God at all circumstances. Expect great things from God says Holy Spirit to you.

***“Let God have your life; He can do more with it than you can.” - Dwight L. Moody***

## BELIEVE AND TRUST IN GOD

Then the Lord said to Moses: "How long will these people reject Me? And how long will they not believe Me, with all the signs which I have performed among them?" - Numbers 14:11

Week 17

When the people of Israel heard that the people who were in Canaan were like giants they were afraid and wept badly. They believed the false reports gave by few men who went to spy the land. They felt that it would be better if they go back to Egypt.

1. You might be going through wilderness and you might feel like God's promises were so far from getting fulfilled. Don't get discouraged by looking at the situations and problems that are prevailing around you. Believe what God has said to you and look at the ways that God has led you beautifully in the past. God who brought you out of slavery will carry you to the Promised Land.

2. Sometimes you may face wilderness between your past and the God's promise that is ahead of you. But then God can change the wilderness a pool of water and the dry land springs of water. He will do that in your life too. The situations and troubles that you are facing today will definitely change.

"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. "

- Romans 8:28

What you should do to receive God's blessings?

"because all these men who have seen My glory and the signs which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have put Me to the test now these ten times, and have not heeded My voice" - Numbers 14:22

God place a threshold on that day before the people of Israel. He says whoever tested Him more than ten times will not enter the Promised Land. What a sad situation! May be someone would have tested God just more than once than the threshold that God has placed before them but then even they would not have entered the promised land.

3. Sometimes we lose our faith upon God and His promises. But then remember that we should not test our God. During the time of tribulations and trials, do not speak anything against God.

4. God has a threshold and we never knew what is the threshold that God has for us. You can't continue to dwell in sin for longer saying God's grace will last longer in your life. If you are away from God, return to Him immediately. Because God wants to use you mightily for His glory.

## Week 18

**“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”**

**- Romans 5:8**

## RETURN BACK TO GOD

**Luke 15:4 “What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?”**

1. God’s heart aches for you. The aching Jesus has that you should not perish in the hands of devil whom you have chosen, rejecting Jesus; the aching He has, seeing the condition of your mind which is tormented by evil thoughts; the aching He has, knowing that you have lost all the peace in your heart – this aching is much more than the joy and happiness He has for the spiritual people who stand in and with Him.

How long will the shepherd look for the lost sheep? It is beautifully said in Luke 15:4. It is not just from morning to night, it is not for a day or two, and it is not for some time alone. Bible says, the shepherd will search for the sheep till he finds it.

2. The only longing of God’s heart is that you have to repent. His hands are stretched towards you even at this moment. He longs for you to return back to Him because you belong to Him, and only to Him.

What will a shepherd do after finding the sheep? Luke 15:5 “And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing.”

If you think with your logical mind, we may find so many ways to bring back the lost sheep. 1. It can be carried on the hip, 2. It can be carried in the arms, 3. It can be brought back by putting a thread on its neck and holding the thread by hand or 4. It can be brought by means of beating with a stick (It’s right to do that as the sheep went astray). But what does Jesus Christ, the good shepherd do? Luke 15:5 says that He will carry it on His shoulders.

3. Even today God loves you so much. If you surrender yourself to Him, He will give you back all that you have lost. You will be used for His glory. Before it becomes too late, return to Jesus.

***“There is no one who is insignificant in the purpose of God.” –Alistair Begg***



## BE FILLED WITH THE FULLNESS OF CHRIST

**Acts 3:8** And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

A certain man who was lame from his mother's womb entered into the temple walking by himself praising God. He received the healing through Peter.

1. There were many who were outside the church without knowing the true God, struggling and limping with pain and hurt. You are called by God to lead them to salvation and bring them into God's fold.

To do that, what you need?

**Acts 3:6 (NKJV)** Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."

2. You need not have material or financial blessings but all you need is the fullness of Christ in your life to bring change into someone's life for the glory of God.

What you should do to have the fullness of Christ in you?

3. Save yourself from this perverse, untoward and ungodly generation (**Acts 2:40**) Do not yield yourself into worldly temptation. Stand out for God and Godly things.

4. When you have the fullness of Christ, you will have the faith that comes through Him. (**Acts 3:16**) Through the faith God gives, you can bring God's healing into the lives of others.

May God use you for His glory and may you carry the fullness of Christ within you all the days of your life.

Week 19

**"And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace."**

- John 1:16

***"But whatever you do, find the God-centered, Christ-exalting, Bible-saturated passion of your life, and find your way to say it and live for it and die for it. And you will make a difference that lasts. You will not waste your life." - John Piper***

## GUARD YOUR FAITH

### Week 20

**"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me."**

**- Psalm 23:4**

**Luke 22:32 (NKJV)** But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren."

There were times we expect God to remove our hardships. But then God permits certain situations in our life in which we will be sifted like wheat.

Why God permits such situations?

1. To transform you.

Peter was broken terribly after he denied Christ. But then that brokenness taught him self denial, love of Christ and dependency on God's strength. He was transformed.

2. To make you a blessing to others.

To the same Peter who denied Him, Christ entrusted the responsibility of strengthening the brethren and feeding His sheep cos God knows that Peter will not depend on his own self anymore but will rely on Him for everything. Peter who was broken once became a blessing to millions.

What we should do during the time of Hardships?

3. Guard your faith.

Jesus prayed that Peter's faith should not fail.

4. There is a period of healing between the brokenness and standing again for God. In that time period get more closer to God.

God gave Peter a period to get strengthen in his spiritual life and then only God wants him to strengthen his brethren.

God has a purpose in your life. Have faith upon Him and trust Him completely. He will exalt and use you in His time.

***"Fight the good fight of faith, and God will give you spiritual mercies." - George Whitefield***

## GOD WILL DRIVE AWAY YOUR ENEMY

...The king said, "This disaster is from the Lord. Why should I wait for the Lord any longer?" - II Kings 6:33

King of Syria gathered all his army, went up and surrounded the city of Samaria. So there was a great famine in the land of Samaria. The king thought that the disaster is from the Lord but then on the very next day, God changed the entire situation of the city and its people.

1. The trials and troubles that you are facing is not from the Lord but the glory that is going to be revealed soon in your life is of the Lord says Holy Spirit to you.

The king thought that waiting for Lord is not going to help him in any ways. If he would have proceeded in his own ways, he would have perished on that day. But then when God spoke through Elisha, God took the matter in His hands and saved the people.

2. You can't do anything by yourself without waiting upon the Lord. If you go on your own strength in your own way, you might perish. Have faith in God and wait for God's glory.

3. Today you might feel like that the doors are closed before you. Do not get discouraged. God's glory will open all the closed doors for you. The situation might give you a feel that you are going to perish but that's not going to happen to you says God because you are not going to handle the situation anymore but God Himself is going to handle that situation for you.

4. God will fight for you as you wait upon Him. God will make your enemies to run away from you. You will overcome them. The enemy you see today, you shall see no more says God to you.

Week 21

**"The LORD will  
fight for you,  
and you shall  
hold your  
peace"**

**- Exodus 14:14**

***"Outside of Christ, I am weak; in Christ, I am strong. Outside of Christ, I cannot; in Christ, I am more than able. Outside of Christ, I have been defeated; in Christ, I am already victorious. How meaningful are the words, in Christ." - Watchman Nee***

## IT WILL HAPPEN JUST AS GOD PROMISED YOU

“...for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me.”- Acts 27:25

### Week 22

The ship in which Paul was taken had caught by the storm. Those who were in the ship tried every possibility but nothing could bring the ship out of danger.

“When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days and the storm continued raging, we finally gave up all hope of being saved.”- Acts 27:20

But Zion said,  
“The LORD has  
forsaken me,  
And my Lord has  
forgotten me.”  
“Can a woman  
forget her  
nursing child,  
And not have  
compassion on  
the son of her  
womb?  
Surely they may  
forget,  
Yet I will not  
forget you.”

- Isaiah 49:14-15

They could see neither sun nor stars for many days and so everyone in the ship lost their hope. But then the angel of the Lord appeared to Paul and said that all those who travel with him will be saved along with him.

1. Today because of your circumstances you might be losing your hope. Your life is filled with darkness and so you might be desperately looking for a miracle. Do not get discouraged. You are not going to perish. You are not going to fail anymore. You are not going to go down into the pit again. Your life will be saved and you will live says Holy Spirit to you.

After God has spoken with Paul, the circumstance doesn't change immediately. But then Paul stood by his faith and said that God will do what He has promised to him.

2. Even in your life your circumstances and situations might contradict with what God has promised you. But then do not lose your faith. Believe that God will do what He has promised to you.

The promise was given to them after the third day but then they could sense a land only on the fourteenth night. Even then God was so faithful to them that He had saved all those who travelled with Paul.

3. What God has promised with His own mouth, He will fulfil with His own hand in your life.

4. Remember, God doesn't need a calm perfect ocean to take you to the shore. He works in a supernatural way. Sometimes He will calm the storm in your life and take you to the Promised Land and sometimes He will take you to the promised Land through the storms also. So have faith in God at all situations. He will surely keep you safe.

## GOD WILL OPEN A WAY WHERE THERE SEEMS TO BE NO WAY

**Mark 8:4** Then His disciples answered Him, "How can one satisfy these people with bread here in the wilderness?"

This was the answer gave by the disciples of Jesus when He wanted to feed multitudes of people who were with Him on that day in the wilderness. Jesus was so concerned about them that He doesn't want the people to go weary.

1. God was so concerned about the situation that you are in right now. He knows and so He will not let you go weary. He will definitely do good to you.

The disciples of Jesus knew that it's hard to get bread in the wilderness. It's true in worldly perspective. But our God always does greater things. Multitudes were fed on that day in the wilderness and each one was satisfied.

2. **Matthew 19:26** "...With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Even today you might be worried looking at the situation around you. On that day the disciples forget that they have Jesus, the Greater One who can change water to wine.

3. Do not worry for anything. "...because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world." (1 John 4:4)

4. You might be going through wilderness and you might be wondering what's going to happen. Do not get discouraged. Today God says to you that He will satisfy you with the finest of wheat and honey from the Rock.

Week 23

"The Lord will guide you continually, And satisfy your soul in drought, And strengthen your bones; You shall be like a watered garden, And like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail."

- Isaiah 58:11

*"What gives me the most hope every day is God's grace; knowing that his grace is going to give me the strength for whatever I face, knowing that nothing is a surprise to God." - Rick Warren*

## SEEK GOD'S WILL

"So David inquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall I pursue this troop?..." - 1 Samuel 30:8

### Week 24

**"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths."**

**- Proverbs 3:5-6**

Actually I wonder how he could ask this at that situation! His wife, children and everything he had was taken away by Amalekites when he returned back to Ziklag. David would have gone against them on his own as he had several reasons. Even in that situation also he went to the Lord and asked whether he could pursue that troop which took away all his wealth and family.

1. Are we going against somebody who has done something against us by our own will or are we going against them after finding God's will and asking God about the issue?
2. God was not pleased with Amalekites but even then David sought God's permission to go against them. How much more we should be careful when we speak about God's elect and those who were precious in His sight! Do not speak or do anything against God's elect.
3. Even if we want to speak against somebody who has done something against us, we should be very careful on what God actually wants us to do. If you speak ill against someone when actually God wants you to forgive them, it will hurt definitely God's heart.
4. God might have placed you in a particular job or college or anywhere. You might be facing tough situations there. You might be going through humiliation and shame. You might feel like running away from there. But then wait upon the Lord and ask for His will and do His will. It will be a great blessing to you.
5. Finally if you are too worried about the blessings that you had lost in your life, do not get discouraged. God promises you today that He will restore all that you had lost. You will be filled with God's peace.

***"We can be certain that God will give us the strength and resources we need to live through any situation in life that he ordains. The will of God will never take us where the grace of God cannot sustain us." - Billy Graham***



## BE SOLD OUT COMPLETELY FOR GOD

**Genesis 22:1 ...God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."**

Week 25

When God called Abraham, and When he said 'here I am', he had put aside his own self and went before God with complete surrender and obedience. He was ready to do anything that God is going to ask him to do. And then when God asked him to sacrifice his only son as burnt offering, he obeyed without reasoning and questioning God.

1. God has called you to do his will and you know that you are called for a purpose. Are you sold out completely for God's purpose? If you give yourself completely for His calling, He will use you mightily.
2. God wants you to bring something that is precious in your sight to His altar. It might be a relationship or someone or something, just take it to God's altar and do what He asks you to do.

**"Though He  
slay me, yet  
will I trust  
Him..."**

**- Job 13:15**

**Genesis 22:5 And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you."**

After three days of Journey Abraham reached the place and he said to his men that he and Isaac will return back.

How could Isaac return back since he is the burnt offering?

Abraham trusted God and His promise. God has already told him that through Isaac his descendants will be called. Abraham knew that God's promise will never fail and so he went through that tough situation boldly though he was kept in that situation by God.

3. Situations might change. Your situation might force you to believe that it's all over. It's not going to be over and it's never going to be over because God has promised you that you will live. He will never forsake you and His promises will never fail.

4. Because Abraham kept his faith upon God, he had not lost his son. Just trust in God. You shall not lose anything. You will be rewarded by God.

## FULLY YOUR VOWS AT ANY COST

Ecclesiastes 5:4 "When you make a vow to God, do not delay to pay it; For He has no pleasure in fools. Pay what you have vowed."

### Week 26

In Judges 11, we read about a man Jephthah. When he went to fight against the people of Ammon, he made a vow to the Lord saying whatever comes first out of the doors of his house when he returns back will be given as burnt offering.

God gave him victory over the army of Ammon. As he returned back to his house, his only daughter came first with joy to meet him. Jephthah's heart broke as he remembered the vow he made to the Lord. But then he says,

**"If a man makes a vow to the LORD, or swears an oath to bind himself by some agreement, he shall not break his word; he shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth."**

Judges 11:35 "...For I have given my word to the Lord, and I cannot go back on it."

1. Though he got a great victory on that day, Jephthah had never forgotten the vow he made to the Lord when he was in distress before.

2. Then when he went through a situation in which he has to offer his only daughter as burnt offering he never ran away or backslides from his vow. He fulfilled the vow he made to the Lord though it had cost a lot to him.

- Numbers 30:2

Today Holy Spirit wants me to remind you to fulfill the vows that you have made before in the presence of the Lord.

Whatever you have vowed in God's presence, be it a small one or big one, He has taken that so seriously. So remember your vows that you made to God and fulfill it immediately. It might cost your joy or pleasure. But just fulfill it so that you will be blessed.

Ecclesiastes 5:5 "Better not to vow than to vow and not pay."

***"If you look at the world, you'll be distressed. If you look within, you'll be depressed. If you look at God you'll be at rest." - Corrie Ten Boom***

## BE GRATEFUL TO GOD

In the book of Jonah we read about two different situations in which vows were made.

### 1. In the Moment of Distress

Week 27

**Jonah 2:9 "...I will pay what I have vowed..."**

Jonah was in distress. As he went away against the word of God, he was thrown into the sea and ended up in the belly of fish. From there he prays to God that he will pay what he have vowed. He made a vow in distress and he prayed that he will fulfill it.

As we read in Judges chapter 11, Jephthah made a vow as he faced the army of Ammon.

Many a times even in our lives as we go through troubles and problems, we make a vow to God seeking His help to come out of the troubled situations.

But then in Jonah we read about a certain group of people who did a wonderful thing.

### 2. In the Moment of Joy and Safety

**Jonah 1:16 Then the men feared the Lord exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice to the Lord and took vows.**

On a particular day the mariners got into huge problem because of Jonah. They faced a life threatening situation. But then when they threw Jonah into the sea, their problem immediately ended. They knew that they were safe. God never expected anything from them and even if they would have gone on their way simply nothing would have happened against them.

But then those mariners did a wonderful thing. As they were Gentiles, they trembled and feared God. Then they made a vow.

Have we ever made a vow for the goodness and blessings that we received from God? Let's also make vows in His presence and honor God when we receive goodness from His hands.

**"Oh, that I  
might have my  
request,  
That God  
would grant  
me the thing  
that I long  
for!"**

**- Job 6:8**

## Week 28

**“No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you.”**

**- Joshua 1:5**

## YOU WILL NOT BE FORSAKEN

Isaiah 41:17 "The poor and needy seek water, but there is none, Their tongues fail for thirst. I, the Lord, will hear them; I, the God of Israel, will not forsake them.

In this verse, God speaks about certain people, their situation and His promises to them.

You might be seeking a blessing desperately and you have not received so far what you have longed for. Because of the lack in your life, someone is treating you badly and harshly. You are in need of a miracle. Don't get discouraged.

Today God promises you two things:

1. I, the Lord, will hear you.

Exodus 2:24 "So God heard their groaning..."

Even today God has heard your groaning and cries. God has seen your tears. You are crying desperately for a particular blessing for so long in God's presence. Sometimes you fear that you won't get it at all. God has heard your prayers and Today He says to you that it will be given to you.

2. I, the God of Israel, will not forsake you.

Isaiah 62:4 "You shall no longer be termed Forsaken..."

The Lord who hears you also promises to you that He will not forsake you. Your life situation is going to change. Many around you will see God's hands moving in your life and lifting you. Not you, but the mouth of others will testify that God has done great things in your life. You will not be forsaken.

God is holding your right hand. He delights in you. He will make you excel in everything. You will receive what you are longing for.

***Only he who can say, "The Lord is the strength of my life" can say, "Of whom shall I be afraid?" - Alexander MacLaren***

## LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED

**"All this has come upon us; But we have not forgotten You, Nor have we dealt falsely with Your covenant. Our heart has not turned back, Nor have our steps departed from Your way" – Psalms 44:17-18**

Week 29

The author of this Psalm says this beautiful statement before God once he listed out all the afflictions they were going through. They have gone through shame, failures, dejections and the list goes on. But then they say that they had not turned back from God and His ways. This Psalm was not written after their problem was over. But even as they went through tough times, they loved God and kept their faith. Even in our lives we go through tough times and hard situations.

What we should do when we go through tough situations and in times of trouble?

### 1. Have faith in God.

**Job 13:15 "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him..."**

**"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me."**

**- John 14:1**

Job had kept his trust upon God at difficult situations. At the end, he received doublefold blessings.

Trust in God. You will receive doublefold blessings.

### 2. Strengthen yourself in the Lord your God.

**1 Samuel 30:6 "...But David strengthened himself in the Lord his God."**

Amalekites had taken away all that belongs to David and his people. David was greatly distressed as his own people thought of stoning him. But he strengthened himself in the Lord. At the end, David recovered all that was taken away.

It's not wrong to cry in tough situations. But strengthen yourself in God. Surely you will overtake your enemies and recover all that you had lost.

### 3. Seek God.

**1 Samuel 1:10 "And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed to the Lord and wept in anguish."**

Hannah went through distress and reproach. She prayed to the Lord. At the end, her sorrow was turned to joy.

Keep praying. God will remember you and bless you. Your sorrow will turn to joy.

## GOD IS YOUR PROVIDER

**“...And if that had been too little, I also would have given you much more!” – 2 Samuel 12:8**

### Week 30

Look at the heart of God here! He has blessed David with kingdom and so many other blessings. David went by his own desire against God and committed a sin. Then God spoke to David through Nathan. The verse reveals the heart of a Father who had a longing to bless His children. Also, it reveals the pain a Father carries when His children go astray following their own desires.

**“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.”**

**- Matthew 7:7**

1. Remember all ways are not God’s ways.

**“But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.” – James 1:14**

David walked according to his own desire on that situation and it had led him to many troubles. It could have taken his life if God would have not forgiven him. Do not walk according to your own desires. Find God’s will in your life and stay in it. It will bring blessings in your life and God’s protection will rest upon you.

2. Your Heavenly Father knows what you need.

**“...be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” – Hebrews 13:5**

God has chosen you as His children and He is with you. You are saved by His blood. This itself is a great blessing. Also, He knows what you need and has given you all the blessings. Thank God for what you have. Do not run behind worldly pleasures, money and fame. Be content with the blessings your Heavenly Father has given you.

3. If you need more, ask your Heavenly Father.

**“If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!” - Matthew 7:11**

God said to David that if he had needed more blessings, He would have given that to him. That is God’s heart. He wants to give you more. If you are not satisfied with what you have and if you need something more, do ask God. There is nothing wrong to tell your Father your heart’s desires. But do not try to do anything by your own self. Ask God and wait. Hezekiah wept bitterly and asked God to remember him as he wanted to live for more years. God found it acceptable and gave him fifteen more years. God will do give you what you ask if it is acceptable in His sight. Wait for God and surely, He will bless you.



## GOD IS CALLING YOU TO BLESS YOU

**"Jesus said to them, Come and eat breakfast..." - John 21:12**

After the resurrection of Jesus, on a particular day, Peter decided to go for fishing. Other disciples of Jesus also joined him. They toiled throughout the night but they could not get any fish. Jesus appeared to them and told them to cast their nets on the right side of the boat. Then they had caught multitude of fish. As they reached the land, Jesus asked them to come and eat the breakfast which He had made for them.

1. When did Jesus asked them? Jesus told this once He had made everything ready for them.

At the Cross He had earned everything for you. Whatever you need, Jesus has it and He is ready to give it to you. Even today God calls you to come to Him and receive the blessings that He has in store for you.

2. To whom did Jesus told this?

- a) To those who had caught nothing. (John 21:3)
- b) To those who had nothing to eat. (John 21:5)

You might have desperately toiled for something day and night. But it seems to be out of your reach. You have not received what you are longing for. You are tired and heartbroken because you have nothing. It seems like you have lost everything and you have no strength left in you.

Do not get discouraged. God will do the battle for you. You shall not be hungry anymore for you will be satisfied with God's goodness.

3. If you hear God's voice and obey His words, you will have blessings in abundance in the same place where you had caught nothing says Holy Spirit to you.

Week 31

**Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?**

**- Matthew 6:26**

***"If the Lord be with us, we have no cause of fear. His eye is upon us, His arm over us, His ear open to our prayer - His grace sufficient, His promise unchangeable." - John Newton***

## GOD KNOWS YOUR SITUATIONS

### Week 32

‘And the LORD said: “I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows.” – Exodus 3:7

Israelites were oppressed in the Land of Egypt. They groaned because of the bondage they were in and Bible says that their cry came up to God. Even today you might be groaning and crying because of the bondage you are in. You might be oppressed and depressed. Do not get discouraged. God will surely answer your tears.

“Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms.”

- James 5:13

In this verse, God’s concern towards His people is revealed in three ways.

#### 1. I have seen...

God saw that Leah was despised and unloved and blessed her with child. Through her came Judah and Jesus Christ came into this world in that generation. (Genesis 29:31)

Today you might be despised and unloved. God sees your condition and situation. He will lift you high.

#### 2. I have heard...

God heard the prayers of Hezekiah and saw his tears and healed him. (2 Kings 20:4)

“This poor man cried out, and the LORD heard him, And saved him out of all his troubles.” – Psalm 34:6

Today you might be troubled and lost all your peace. God has heard your cries and He will save you out of all your troubles.

#### 3. I know...

Your Heavenly Father knows what you need before you ask Him (Matthew 6:8)

God knows your sorrows and the situation that you are in. He will provide you what you need. He will change your situations.

After God saw, heard and knew the situation of Israelites, In Exodus 3:8, God says that He came down to deliver them. Even today God is taking control of your life to deliver you out of all your troubles. God’s gracious hand will take you to the place in which you will have blessings in abundance. You will see greater things says God to you.

## YOUR FACE WILL NO LONGER BE SAD

“...her face was no longer sad.” – 1 Samuel 1:18

Hannah went to the presence of the Lord and wept in anguish. She was in bitterness of soul says Bible. But then when she finished her prayer she was no longer sad.

Your face will no longer be sad says God to you today.

Week 33

What kind of situation Hannah went through?

1. She went through miserable situation because of somebody.
2. Her state of agony seems to be a drunken state to somebody.

Even today you might be going through a sorrowful state. People around you might not understand what you are going through. Someone might have called you a wicked person. You might face wrath of someone for the things that you have not done. Do not lose hope. God will do justice.

**“Blessed are  
you who  
hunger now,  
For you shall  
be filled.  
Blessed are  
you who weep  
now, For you  
shall laugh.”**

**- Luke 6:21**

What Hannah did that brought joy into her life?

1. She poured her heart to God and she believed in God.

Her situation had not changed immediately after she poured her heart to God. But she had never let her situation trouble her once she gave that matter into the Hands of God. She believed that definitely God will answer her prayers and so she was no longer unhappy. God changed her sorrow to joy. God remember her as she believed in God.

God will remove all your sorrows and fill your heart with His peace as you have cried unto God. God will open all the doors that was closed in your life. He will not despise your tears for He cares for you. Believe that God will do miracle in your life and surely, He will do so.

***“When our lives are filled with peace, faith and joy, people will want to know what we have.” - David Jeremiah***

## GOD WILL CALM THE STORM

“...do You not care that we are perishing?” - Mark 4:39

### Week 34

“For His anger is  
but for a  
moment,  
His favor is for  
life;  
Weeping may  
endure for a  
night,  
But joy comes in  
the morning.”

- Psalm 30:5

In the recent past you are asking this question to God as you feel that your life is sinking. You are in a troubled situation for long and you feel that you are surrounded by darkness as your prayers seems to be unheard. You could not find a way to move forward as everything has gone out of your control. Your mind is filled with so many questions and the most important one is, does God really cares about me and my situation?

1. God’s heart yearns for you.

“Is not Ephraim My dear son, the child in whom I delight? Though I often speak against Him, I still remember Him. Therefore, My heart yearns for Him; I have great compassion for Him,” declares the LORD.” - Jeremiah 31:20

2. He will take control.

“Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, Peace, be still...” - Mark 4:39

3. He will save you and you will not perish.

“...And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.” - Mark 4:39

4. Have faith in God and do not fear.

“Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.” - 1 Corinthians 16:13

However hard your life’s situation might be, do not fear and have faith in God. Because God cares for you and He will do great things in your life. On that day when a windstorm arose and waves began to spill over the boat, they saw the situation around them and were frightened. They thought they will perish and God doesn’t care about them. But then Jesus did a miracle and saved their life.

He will do the same to you. You will definitely see the miracles and wonders which God’s Hands are going to do in your life. You will be comforted says God to you.

## SEEK GOD FOR HIS BLESSINGS

So she said to Abram, "The LORD has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my slave; perhaps I can build a family through her." Abram agreed to what Sarai said - Genesis 16:2

Week 35

### 1. Do not try to open the door which God has closed in your life.

Sarai felt that the Lord has restrained her from having children. So, she thought that she can build her family through her slave and told Abram about it. He also agreed. That led to the beginning of a wild generation. Sometimes in our lives when we feel certain doors are closed by God, we should be careful not to open it by our own self. It might be in a relationship, job, studies or any other blessings. If God closes a door do not try to open it.

### 2. Talk or Fight with God.

Sarai felt that the Lord has stopped a blessing from her life. Then she should have gone to God's presence and spoke about it to Him. Instead she went and talked with her husband which led to a blunder.

When God rejected the offering of Cain, He came to him and spoke about the anger that he had. But Cain never replied to God and he went and spoke to his brother which ended up in murder. (Genesis 4:5-8)

When you feel God is not doing justice in your life or to you, speak to God and never speak to men or your loved ones.

### 3. Get the detail from God when He promises you certain things. Find what God wants you to do.

And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir."- Genesis 15:4

God clearly said to Abraham that through him directly his heir will come. Before agreeing to what Sarah said, he should have gone to God's presence and asked God through whom he will get the heir. Through Sarah or Hagar? If he would have asked like that, God would have definitely told him that his heir will come through his wife Sarah and not Hagar. But then Abraham never did that and agreed to what his wife said rather than finding what God wants him to do.

If God has promised you certain things surely, He will fulfil it in His own time. You don't try to help God in anyways except yielding and trusting in Him. Do not heed to the voice of men but listen to what God says. You will be comforted by God's word and He will keep His eyes upon you and will lead you.

**"You have  
turned for me  
my mourning  
into dancing;  
You have put  
off my  
sackcloth and  
clothed me  
with  
gladness"**

**- Psalm 30:11**

## GOD WILL SATISFY YOU WITH HIS LOVE AND GOODNESS

Week 36

**“He shall regard  
the prayer of the  
destitute,  
And shall not  
despise their  
prayer.”**

**- Psalm 102:17**

**“So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water; and putting it on her shoulder, he gave it and the boy to Hagar, and sent her away. Then she departed and wandered in the Wilderness of Beersheba.” - Genesis 21:14**

In Genesis 35:23-26 we could read about the twelve sons of Jacob. The count includes the sons that he got through the maidservants of Leah and Rachel. Even Abraham got a son through the maidservant of Sarah. But then one day as God asked Abraham to do as Sarah said, he sent Hagar and his son away.

We read in Bible that God has blessed Abraham in everything. He had so much of wealth and blessings. But then when he sent his own son and Hagar away, he just gave bread and a skin of water. He should have given so many things to Hagar and his son but he failed to do that. Soon they were in the verge of death and she wept. Hearing the voice of her son, God interfered and made her see a well of water.

Abraham gave Hagar skin of water but God gave her well of water. That's God's love! His love upon you is everlasting and He never leaves you nor forsake you.

### 1. You will be satisfied with God's Love.

Someone out there, you are ditched by someone whom you had loved and trusted. You are thrown out after being used for selfish reasons. You lost everything and standing without anything. Today God wants me to tell you that He will satisfy you with His love. God has started to fulfil His will upon your life and He wants you to know that He cares for you and He has greater plans regarding your future. You will be satisfied with My love says God to you. As God made the son of Hagar a great nation, He will also raise you in front of the one who betrayed and ditched you.

### 2. You will be satisfied with God's goodness.

Hagar wandered in the wilderness and was in tears. God made her to live. You might be longing for some blessings that you lack in your life. You might have lost hope about your future. You will be satisfied with My goodness says God to you.

## WAIT FOR GOD AND TRUST IN HIM

**“...Why are you crying?...” – John 20:13,15**

Early on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb where Jesus was laid and saw that the stone was removed. Later she stood there and wept as she could not find Jesus inside the tomb. Jesus appeared to her and asked, “Woman, why are you crying?”

Week 37

**1. The One whom you are longing for is right beside you says Holy Spirit to you.**

**“At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.” - John 20:14.**

Mary wept because she could not find Jesus. As she was weeping, she spoke to the angels and as she turned around she saw Jesus standing there but yet she didn't realize Him. You are also crying because you could not find Jesus in your life's situation. You are longing to see Him and to hear His voice but you are feeling emptiness within you and in your life. Today Holy Spirit wants me to say to you that Jesus Christ is standing right beside you to wipe away your tears and He will bring joy into your life. You will see Him.

**“Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.”**

**- 1 Peter 5:6,7**

**2. Wait patiently for God.**

As Mary could not find Jesus, she ran to the disciples and told them about it. Peter and John came to the tomb and as they could not find Jesus, they went back. But Mary persistently waited there.

**Bible says in Mark 16:9, “Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene...”**

Jesus appeared to Mary first as she was waiting persistently to see God that morning. Have faith upon God and seek Him with all your heart. As you wait patiently for God and trust in Him, He will definitely do wonders in your life. No one who hopes in Him will ever be put to shame. Mary's tears brought Jesus to the place where she was. God heard the groaning and cry of Israelites and He came down to rescue them from their suffering. Even today, God will do the same to you. He will take control of your life and will wipe away your tears.



## YOU HAVE FOUND FAVOR WITH GOD

“...Do not be afraid...for you have found favor with God.” - Luke 1:30

### Week 38

1. You are included in God's plan.

“...Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son...”- Isaiah 7:14

God had a plan to send His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life. God had a plan and He has included Mary in His plan.

“May the favour of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us-yes, establish the work of our hands.”

- Psalm 90:17

Even today God loves everyone and want to reveal Himself to the unreached so that they can have everlasting life. God has included you in His plan for His purpose. You do not belong to you but to God as you are a chosen one.

2. You have found favour with God and He is with you.

“...Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.” - Luke 1:28

Mary found favour in the sight of God and God was with her as she was the chosen one.

Holy Spirit says to you that you have found favour with God as you are called to reveal God through your life. You are a chosen one to reveal God's glory and God's love to others through your life. God is with you.

*“I am Thy servant to do Thy will, and that will is sweeter to me than position or riches or fame, and I choose it above all things on Earth or in Heaven.” - A.W. Tozer*

## GOD WANTS TO REVEAL HIMSELF THROUGH YOU

**“...Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son...”- Isaiah 7:14**

God has chosen Mary for a special purpose. She gave birth to Jesus Christ. Even today God has chosen you to reveal Himself through you.

Week 39

How can you reveal Jesus Christ through your life?

a) **Yield yourself to God’s plan and purpose.**

**Then Mary said, “Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word.” - Luke 1:38**

God has a plan regarding Mary’s life. Mary might have thought about the implications of it. But yet she surrendered herself completely into God’s hands. God fulfilled His plan and purpose through her life. Yield yourself to God’s will so that He will be revealed through you.

b) **Get filled by the Holy Spirit.**

**“...she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.” - Matthew 1:18**

Mary got pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Then only she gave birth to Jesus.

If you want to reveal Jesus Christ through your life and deeds, first, you have to get filled with the Holy Spirit. Without Holy Spirit you can never live a life for God’s glory.

c) **Do not be conformed to this world**

**“...(Joseph) did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son...” - Matthew 1:25**

Mary never knew Joseph till she gave birth to Jesus. As you are having God within you and as you are growing in Him, you should not give way to worldly pleasures. That will hinder your spiritual growth. If you want to reveal Jesus Christ through your life, stay away from the worldly things and sins.

Even today God wants me to say to you that He had chosen you for a purpose and if you surrender your life to Him, you will see God’s glory moving out of your life and touching others through you.

**“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”**

**- Ephesians 2:10**

## Week 40

**NOT BY MIGHT BUT BY GOD'S SPIRIT**

"But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty" - 1 Corinthians 1:27

"A little one shall become a thousand,  
And a small one a strong nation.  
I, the LORD, will hasten it in its time."

- Isaiah 60:22

1. Bethlehem, little among the thousands of Judah

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting." - Micah 5:2

Though Bethlehem was a little town among the thousands of other towns and cities of Judah, the Almighty God had chosen Bethlehem and Jesus Christ was revealed to this earth through the little Bethlehem.

2. Leah, despised and unloved by her own husband

Jesus Christ came through the tribe of Judah. The tribe of Judah came through Jacob. Leah was the mother of Judah. If we read about her life situation we could understand that she was despised and unloved.

"When the LORD saw that Leah *was* unloved, He opened her womb..." - Genesis 29:31

It is God who saw Leah was despised and unloved and opened her womb. Through her came Judah and God selected Judah for our Lord's genealogy.

3. Mary, who was in a lowly state

"For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed." - Luke 1:48

God has regarded the lowly state of Mary and turned her life as a blessing to many.

Even today you might feel like you are a little one. People around you might have despised you. You might be in a lowly state. Do not get discouraged. God chooses the foolish and weak things. Today God wants me to say to you that He has chosen you to reveal His glory through your life.

## GOD KNOWS YOU BY YOUR NAME

“...Then the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said to her, What ails you, Hagar?...” – Genesis 21:17

1. God knows you by your name.

Week 41

“But now, thus says the LORD, who created you, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine.” – Isaiah 43:2

Though Hagar was an Egyptian Maidservant, God knew her by her name and He called her by her name. Even today God knows you by your name and the path you are going through. He knows your sorrows and pain.

2. God met Hagar in the wilderness.

In the wilderness, God met Hagar and told her that He will make her son a great nation.

Even as you go through wilderness today, God is concerned about your life. He will surely bless you. Today Holy Spirit says to you, “Behold, the LORD’s hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear.” – Isaiah 59:1

However greater your problem might be, God is able to perform miracles in your life.

3. What ails you?

Today your heart is filled with so much of pain. Your life is like a wilderness. You are facing discouragement and depression. You are lost. Today God is asking you, My Child, what ails you?

There might be lot of things that causes trouble and pain in your life. Tell it to God for He will turn your sorrows to joy. Someone’s words might have hurt you badly, tell it to God.

God has heard your cry and afflictions. He will open a way where there seems to be no way. You are not going to die. You will see God’s glory and you will live. God will remove all your pain and make you see greater things.

“But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.”

- Matthew 10:30

## Week 42

**"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service."**

- Romans 12:1

## LIVE A LIFE ACCEPTABLE TO GOD

When Jesus Christ lived in this earth Bible records that He had rebuked certain people at different instances. We will meditate three such instances that was recorded in Bible.

### 1. Those who failed to repent

**"Then He began to rebuke the cities in which most of His mighty works had been done, because they did not repent" - Matthew 11:20**

Jesus rebuked the cities which had seen Him doing mighty works but had not repented.

You have run to God whenever you needed a blessing. God has done mighty things hearing your plea. There were times you have told God that you will live for Him leaving all the worldly sins and things. But you have not repented yet. Today God wants you to repent from all the sinful things that you are doing.

### 2. The one who is mindful of the things of men

**But when He had turned around and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, "Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men." - Mark 8:33**

Jesus Christ shared to His disciples about the will of Almighty God in His life. He spoke about His death and resurrection. When Peter heard that he rebuked Jesus. Then Jesus rebuked him saying he is not mindful of the things of God.

Peter knew that Jesus is the Christ. He got that revelation from the Heavenly Father. He understood it but he failed to understand the will of God and the things of God.

Today God wants you to set aside the things of world and men from your life and wants you to be mindful of the things of God. Deny yourself, obey God's word and take up your cross and follow God. God wants you to be a blessing and not a hinderance.

### 3. Those who were failed to believe

**"Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen." - Mark 16:14**

Jesus rebuked those who were failed to believe. Few of His disciples saw Jesus after He had risen and told to others. But others who have not seen Him failed to believe the words of other disciples. Situations around you might not be favourable for you to believe that God is working in your life or God is with you. But believe. Let not your heart be hardened before God. Believe in God and you will definitely see God's glory.

## HEAR GOD'S VOICE AND FOLLOW HIM

**"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me." - John 10:27**

Who are the people that fall under the category of the sheep that follows Jesus?

The answer is the sheep that hear His voice. They are the ones who follow Him. You have to know one thing: it's neither God's will nor God's mistake that you lose your way. The wrong is in our part only. We fell only because we did not listen to God's voice or take into consideration God's efforts to keep us with Him. The voice of God which was heard by all other sheep was heard by us also. But they followed His voice more diligently than us. We rejected His voice and decided to go on by our own understanding. We thought our understanding is much greater than the guidance of His voice. But our understanding let us down. If you have the desire to follow Jesus Christ, your Saviour, you have to listen to His voice.

What are the blessings that we will receive if we listen to His voice?

**"And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand." - John 10:28**

God will give you eternal life  
You shall never perish  
No one can pluck you out of God's hand

To get these wonderful blessings, it is essential that you listen to God's voice. Don't lean on your own understanding which leads you to failure. But trust in God who will guide you by keeping His eyes on you. As you listen to His voice you will be protected from all kinds of dangers.

Even today you may feel dejected in your heart that you have failed to listen to God's voice. Be of strong courage, my dear child, God is searching for you. He is looking for you to make you join in His own cattle again. He will give you back all that you had lost and He will restore your joy. Give your life to Him. He will certainly change you.

***As we trust God to give us wisdom for today's decisions, He will lead us a step at a time into what He wants us to be doing in the future." - Theodore H Epp***

Week 43

**"Know that the LORD, He is God;  
It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;  
We are His people and the sheep of His pasture."**

**- Psalm 100:3**

## JESUS WILL NEVER CAST YOU AWAY

“...the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.” - John 6:37

### Week 44

**“For the LORD  
will not cast off  
His people,  
Nor will He  
forsake His  
inheritance.”**

**- Psalm 94:14**

Jesus Christ will by no means cast out ANYONE who goes to Him. He will never cast out even the most hardcore sinner who goes to Him or a wicked fellow or any kind of person who goes to Him. That's the love of Jesus Christ.

From the Bible if we see certain examples, we can understand the love of God. John 9:34 “They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out.”

Pharisees and Jews judged a blind man as a sinner and they cast him out. But what did Jesus do?

Jesus heard what had happened,  
Jesus found that man,  
Jesus talked with Him and  
Jesus revealed Himself to him.

In John 8:3-11, Pharisees brought a woman caught in adultery and they wanted to cast her away and stone her to death. Even though Jesus Christ knew she was a sinner, what did He do?

Jesus did not cast her away,  
Jesus saved her from the accusers and  
Jesus never condemned her.

In Luke 7:37-50. A Pharisee says to himself in his heart that the woman, who washed Jesus feet with her tears, wiped them with her hair, kissed His feet and anointed them with ointment was a sinner. What did Jesus, who knew the entire life history of the woman, do?

Jesus testified her love before the accuser and  
Jesus forgave all her sins

Who is it that God will not cast out?

**John 6:37 “...the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.”**

Jesus says that He will by no means cast out the one who comes to Him. Jesus will never reject nor hate nor you cast out you if only you go to Him. You might have sinned against God but today if you go to His presence and ask His forgiveness, He will surely accept you and forgive you. He will transform you.



## INSTEAD PRAY

**“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything...”- Philip-  
pians 4:6**

Week 45

1. When God has closed doors in your life and others provoke and irritate you, don’t worry. Do pray.

**“Because the LORD had closed Hannah’s womb, her rival kept provoking her in order to irritate her.” - 1 Samuel 1:6**

God had closed Hannah’s womb and so she was barren. Her rival used to provoke and irritate her. In the initial years Hannah used to weep and not eat. Though her husband used to comfort her, she used to worry a lot.

**“In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the LORD, weeping bitterly.” - 1 Samuel 1:10**

But on a particular day, she ran into the presence of God and poured her heart to Him. God remembered and blessed her.

You might be going through afflictions. People around you might provoke and irritate you. They might put you down. Don’t worry about anything. Do pray. God will remember you and remove all your afflictions.

**“The LORD is near to all who call upon Him...”**

**- Psalm 145:18**

2. When you are desperately in need of a blessing and God’s promises seems to be delayed, don’t worry. Do pray.

Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah as wife. Nearly for twenty years they had no child. Though God’s promise was upon Isaac there was no sign of a blessing.

**“Now Isaac pleaded with the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his plea, and Rebekah his wife conceived.” - Genesis 25:21**

Isaac prayed for his wife and Lord granted his plea. Even today you might be longing for a blessing. God will surely grant your petition which you have ask of Him and fulfil His promises in your life.

3. When everything was against you, don’t worry. Do pray.

***Esther 3:15 “...the city of Shushan was perplexed”***

A man named Haman sought to destroy all the Jews, a decree was written to destroy and kill all the Jews. As the decree was proclaimed in Shushan, the city was perplexed. As All the Jews including Esther looked to God in fasting for three days and God heard their cry and destroyed their enemy and as Bible says in ***Esther 8:15 “...the city of Shushan rejoiced and was glad”***

Today someone might be against you or situations might be against you. You might be perplexed. Don’t worry. Do pray. God will make you rejoice and you will be glad.

## YOU WILL GET BACK WHAT YOU LOST

**“...Do not weep.” - Luke 7:13**

1. Weep Not for God is going to do great things in your life.

**Week 46**

**“...For I will turn  
their mourning  
to joy,  
Will comfort  
them,  
And make them  
rejoice rather  
than sorrow.”**

**- Jeremiah 31:13**

A widow in the city of Nain was full of sorrow because she had lost her only son. The only hope she had for her life is also gone. As she was walking beside the dead body of her son, Jesus saw her, had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.”

You might have lost your loved ones or you might have lost certain blessings in your life. You have lost your comfort and peace because of that. You have no hope about your future. Today God wants you to know that He sees your condition and He has compassion on you. He says to you, “My dear child, do not weep.” God doesn’t want you to shed tears because of the situations that you are facing as He is going to do a miracle in your life.

2. You will get back the blessings that you had lost.

Jesus Christ raised the only son of that widow from death and gave him back to her. Jesus Christ changed her sorrow to joy.

**“... he refused to be comforted, and he said, “For I shall go down into the grave to my son in mourning.” Thus his father wept for him.” - Genesis 37:35**

When Jacob saw the robe of Joseph dipped in the blood, he thought that his son had died and so he wept badly that no one could comfort him. He told that he will mourn till the end of his life. God protected Joseph and raised him. One day Jacob came to know that his son was alive.

**“...when he saw the carts which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived.” - Genesis 45:27**

Bible says that the spirit of Jacob revived when he came to know that his son Joseph was alive.

You feel like you are dead because of the sorrowful situations that you are facing in your life. Today God promises you that you will get back all the blessings that you had lost and your spirit will be revived. You are not going to go down into the grave in mourning. You will see days of rejoicing and gladness.

## STOP DOUBTING. START BELIEVING

**“Do not put the LORD your God to the test...” - Deuteronomy 6:16**

Many a times we test our God doubting His ability to perform wonders in our life. We demand God to do something to prove that He loves us and hears our prayers. We have to trust God instead of testing Him.

1. God doesn't work on 'Ifs' to prove Himself.

**“...If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.” - Matthew 4:3**

**“...If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down...” - Matthew 4:6**

**“...Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!” - Matthew 27:40**

**“...If He is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross...” - Matthew 27:42**

Even when Jesus was tempted in the wilderness and when He was hanging on the cross, He never heeded to the words of those who asked Him to prove His power and belonging.

Do not test God asking Him to prove Himself. He is all powerful. Even today God never does anything to prove His power and belonging but He does greater things out of compassion and love.

2. Trust God and seek Him. You will see God's glory.

**“...Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.” - Luke 5:12**

A leper believed that Jesus is able to make him clean. Jesus healed him.

**“...But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed.” - Matthew 8:8**

A centurion's servant was lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented. He came to Jesus and told Him his problem. Jesus told that He will come to his house to heal his servant. But the centurion believed that a single word of Jesus alone is enough to heal his servant. Jesus marvelled at his faith.

Everyone who had come to Jesus in faith received miracles. Not even one went back without miracle. Even today if you look to God in faith without any doubt, you will see His glory. He will do greater things in your life.

Week 47

**“...Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.”**

**- John 20:27**

## Week 48

**“But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.”**

**- Romans 8:9**

## YOU ARE GOD'S OWN

Deuteronomy 7:6 says like this: “For you are a holy people to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for Him, a special treasure above all the people on the face of the earth.”

Today God wants you to know that; you belong to Him and He has chosen you for a purpose. He loves you with a great zeal. You are special to Him. What are the blessings you will receive as you are God's own child?

1. You will never be put to shame.  
“You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you; and My people shall never be put to shame.” - Joel 2:26
2. You will be satisfied with God's goodness.  
“...My people shall be satisfied with My goodness, says the Lord.” - Jeremiah 31:14
3. You will see God opening new ways for you.  
“...I give waters in the wilderness and rivers in the desert, to give drink to My people, My chosen.” - Isaiah 43:20

Being God's people is a special treasure. As you are His own you will receive His blessings in abundance.

You might not have received the blessing that you are craving for. You might be discouraged as you are waiting for a particular blessing for a long time. You might be desperate to receive God's blessings. You might feel like all the doors for your future has been shut and there is no way to move forward. You might be facing hurdles in your work place or your family life or your studies. Do not lose hope. You have to remember that you worship a Mighty and Loving God who brings forth waters out of the wilderness and desert for His people. All you have to do is to live a holy life before God because He has chosen you to be His own. **“but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct” - 1 Peter 1:15**

Surely, you will be satisfied with His goodness. As you have looked to Jesus Christ for help, you will never be put to shame. Jesus Christ is promising you today that the rivers of blessings will flow into your life.

## KNOW AND OBEY GOD'S WILL

**"Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is." - Ephesians 5:17**

If we understand the will of Lord and if we submit ourselves to His will we will surely get wonderful blessings of God in our lives. Let us see some of the blessings that you will get when you are in the place where God wants you to be.

Week 49

### 1. YOU WILL GET GOD'S ABUNDANT BLESSINGS

**"Now the LORD had said to Abram, Get you out of your country, and from your kindred, and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you...So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken to him....." - Genesis 12:1-4**

Abraham received God's blessing only when he left the place which God wanted him to leave and also only when he went to the place where God wanted him to go. It is very important that you have to be in the centre of God's will if you want to receive God's blessing abundantly. God's prophecies will be fulfilled in your life as you stay in His will.

**"Blessed are all who fear the LORD, who walk in obedience to Him."**

**- Psalm 128:1**

### 2. YOU WILL GET TO MEET GOD

**"Then said Jesus to them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee and there shall they see me. Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw Him..." - Matthew 28:10,16,17**

The disciples saw Jesus because they were in the place where God wanted them to be. If you want to see God or to meet Him, then for sure you have to be in the place where God wants you to be.

### 3. YOU WILL GET GOD'S PROTECTION

**"But he (Necho) sent ambassadors to him (Josiah), saying, what have I to do with you, you king of Judah? I come not against you this day, but against the house wherewith I have war: for God commanded me to make haste: for bear you from meddling with God, who is with me, that He may not destroy you." - II Chronicles 35:21**

Josiah was the king of Judah who loved God with all his heart. On a fateful day, he went against the king Necho who was operating according to God's will. Josiah never understood that God's protection will be on his life only when he resides in God's place. So, Josiah went against the will of God and got killed. If you want God's protection to be upon your life, you have to be in the place where God wants you to be.

## CAST YOUR BURDEN ON THE LORD

**“Cast your burden on the LORD, And He shall sustain you...” - Psalm 55:22**

### Week 50

**“...If you would believe you would see the glory of God.”**

**- John 11:40**

1. When you don't know what to do, cast your worries on the Lord  
**“Then his disciples came and took away the body and buried it, and went and told Jesus.” - Matthew 14:12**

John, the Baptist was killed. His disciples heart would have filled with sorrow and pain as their master was killed. The one who led them so far is no more. They took his body and buried it. Then they had a choice to go on their own way. But they did a beautiful thing. After everything was over, they went to Jesus and told Him about all that had happened.

It seems that when you had lost everything and know not what to do, go to God's presence and tell everything to Jesus. He will show you the way.

2. When you had cast your burden on the Lord, wait for His time.  
**“And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, “They have no wine.” - John 2:3**

In the wedding that took place at Cana of Galilee, there occurs a situation in which there was shortage of wine. The mother of Jesus, instead of worrying, she took the matter to Jesus. When Jesus told her that His time has not come she told the servants to do whatever Jesus asks them to do. In His time, Jesus did a miracle by turning water into wine.

As you had told about your sorrow and worries to God, wait for His time. Believe that He will do great things and do whatever He asks you to do. He will surely turn your sorrow into joy.

**“He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be counted.” - Job 5:9**

***“The greater your knowledge of the goodness and grace of God on your life, the more likely you are to praise Him in the storm.” -Matt Chandler***



## SEEK GOD ALWAYS

**“Now set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God...” - 1 Chronicles 22:19**

There were times when we face trials and temptations we find it hard for us to believe in God. When our life is filled with all the blessings that we need, we love Jesus but at times when we face hardships and when it seems that Jesus is not doing anything in our life, we fail to love and seek Him. Let us meditate upon the lives of Mary and Joseph of Arimathea.

Week 51

1. Mary wept because she wanted to have the body of Jesus.

Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?”...“Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away.” - John 20:15

Mary Magdalene stood outside the tomb weeping as she could not find the body of Jesus. She didn't cry searching for Jesus who is alive. She wept badly because she wanted to have the body of Jesus. She was desperate atleast to have the body of Jesus. Such was her love towards Jesus. As she was desperate, Jesus revealed Himself to her.

2. Joseph risked his life to receive the body of Jesus.

One day when Jesus got arrested, His disciples fled away immediately. Those who followed Jesus for blessings and miracles ran away. Peter denied Jesus when He is alive. No one stayed with Jesus. Finally, Jesus Christ was crucified on the cross. Everyone returned back to their home because they know Jesus can't do any miracles now, as He was dead.

But there enters a man named Joseph and He went and asked Pilate for the Jesus' body.

**“Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body.” - Mark 15:43**

On that day Pharisees was against all those who were with Jesus. Joseph knew it. Then why he has to go to Pilate risking his life for the body of Jesus? His love towards Jesus made him to go boldly to Pilate. He knows Jesus was dead and can't do any miracles but yet he went and took the body of Jesus and buried it according to the custom of Jews. He gave due respect and love even to the dead body of Jesus Christ. His name is written in all the four gospels.

Are you seeking Jesus for your own selfish reasons or are you seeking Him out of the love you have for Him? If you love Jesus with all your heart, soul and mind you will be rewarded and honoured.

**“Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love Him.”**

**- James 1:12**



## GOD IS LOVE

“to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.” - Ephesians 3:19

### Week 52

Let's see an example for God's love from the scripture. You can read about a man named Peter in the New Testament. Who is Peter? Peter was one among the twelve disciples of Jesus.

Once, Jesus asked His twelve disciples whether they would go away. Let's see how Peter answered Jesus. John 6:68, 69 “Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.”

Even when many other disciples went back, Peter is the one who did not want to go away leaving Jesus. Peter is the one who believed in Jesus Christ.

Peter is the one who got the revelation from Father in Heaven that Jesus Christ is the Son of living God. (Matthew 16:16, 17)

Peter is the one who stood with Jesus and continued with Him when Jesus faced so many trials and temptations. (Luke 22:28)

Peter is the one who got a promise from Jesus that He will build His church upon this rock. (Matthew 16:18)

Peter is the one among the three disciples who were chosen by Jesus Christ to see His transfiguration. (Matthew 17:1-3)

Peter is the one who attacked a servant of high priest and cut off his ear, when they laid hands on Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane. (Mark 14:46, 47; John 18:10)

Peter is the one who said to Jesus that He is ready to go to prison and even death with Him. (Luke 22:23)

Peter walked closely with Jesus all through his life. He knew Jesus. He loved Jesus. He was with Jesus. But a trial comes in his life on the night when Jesus Christ was betrayed. When Peter was in the palace of high priest, a servant maid and some people identified him as one who was with Jesus. But Peter fearing death, with much fear what did he do?

**“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”**

**- Romans 5:8**

Peter denied Jesus. Not only he denied, but he cursed and swore that he did not know Jesus. The one who was close to Jesus now denied Jesus and went away from Jesus Christ. He faced a path of backsliding in his life. The moments about Peter denying Christ were given in all the four gospels of Bible. (Matthew 26:69-74, Mark 14:66-71, Luke 22:54-60, John 18:16-27). What a poor situation that Peter fell in! Everyone would have blamed Peter for his denial.

But what did Peter do when he realised he denied Jesus and hurt Him? He wept bitterly. Bible says in Matthew 26:75, Mark 14:72 and Luke 22:62 that Peter wept bitterly. Peter cried, cried and cried for the way he denied Jesus. Even after Jesus was crucified on the cross, Peter would have wept bitterly thinking of His denial.

Did Jesus forsake Peter who once denied Him and later and repented of his sins? Did Jesus cast out Peter? Did Jesus hide His eyes not seeing the cry of Peter? Did Jesus neglect Peter's tears?

**"Oh, give  
thanks to the  
God of  
heaven!  
For His  
mercy  
endures  
forever."**

**- Psalm 136:26**

What happened at the moment after Jesus Christ was resurrected?

### 1. God Remembered Peter

Mark 16:7 "But go your way, tell his **disciples and Peter** that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you."

Peter is also one among the disciples of Jesus. But yet, the good news of the resurrection of Jesus is coming from God naming Peter too. Peter was given importance in God's sight. That's the greatness of God's love.

### 2. Jesus Christ appeared to Peter

"The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" - Luke 24:34

and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. - 1 Corinthians 15:5

After His resurrection Jesus Christ appeared to Simon first among all other Apostles. The tears that Peter shed were not hidden in the sight of God. The love that Jesus had for Peter did not change. So He revealed Himself to Peter after His resurrection.

### 3. Jesus Christ had chosen Peter to feed His sheep

Not only God has forgiven Peter but He also names him as the one who feeds His sheep (John 21:15-17). In the later part we can see God doing many miracles through Peter.

Even today you might have backslidden and went far away from Jesus Christ. He wants you to know that He loves you and waits for you. Your tears are not hidden in the sight of God. He will restore your spiritual life and use you for His glory.

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## GOD'S PROMISE FOR THE YEAR 2018

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"The LORD will surely comfort  
Zion and will look with  
compassion on all her ruins;  
He will make her deserts like  
Eden, her wastelands like the  
garden of the LORD.  
Joy and gladness will be found in  
her, thanksgiving and  
the sound of singing."

- Isaiah 51:3

